

Republican Aspirants for Sheriff.

Next in interest to the Senatorial question is that of the Sheriffalty. The belief seems to be growing that Henry Dickson of Newark will not accept the nomination, which he can have without asking. His business interests stand in the way, and, besides that, the office of Sheriff is not so desirable from the monetary standpoint as it used to be. Among the foremost in the race thus far is Ralph B. Schmidt, ex-Assemblyman, who is endorsed by the Republican leaders of the Fifth, Tenth and Twelfth wards of Newark. Mr. Schmidt is very popular "Down Neck," that portion of Newark east of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and his friends are showing much activity in his behalf. Another popular candidate for the nomination is Alderman Frederick W. Kroeger, also of Newark. The Kroeger boom has not developed the proportions of the Schmidt boom, but is, nevertheless, flourishing. John Kreidler, another Republican aspirant of Newark, has been doing considerable work of late, and has received endorsements from the Seventh and Fifteenth wards of that city.

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"Yes, it is kind of lonesome-like sometimes, I'll allow, but I've my pipe, and then there's Pete here. Pete's a sight of company even if he is only a dog—Eh Pete, old fellow. And then the Wild Rose comes at sundown for me and we walk home together. Come in the shanty and sit down sir; it's hot out there in the sun, and the express won't be along for an hour yet. I don't often have a visitor, and it kind of does me good to have a chat. Mostly, that's my wife, she always says that I'd sooner talk than eat. Well, I'm getting along, I'll be 74 next spring, and it's an old man's prurges, they say, to be a little garrulous."

I was on a tramp through the Smoky Ridge Mountains in North Carolina and had walked since sunrise without having seen a living soul in that vast mountain solitude, until, coming suddenly to a railroad crossing, I knew that once more I was approaching the outskirts of civilization. Seeing a genial, looking old gentleman sunning himself by his shanty, I decided to rest for an hour or so and learn something of the country from a native, for such I supposed him to be.

"Yes, sir, it is a long time to be here; forty years—it was in '65. You see I lost an arm at Fredericksburg, so I couldn't do much with that and a bullet in my leg. So Colonel Bob, when the road was cut through, gave me the job to mind the switch here and watch the bridge under across Martha's Creek, for the sparks in dry spells might kindle the timbers if they weren't watched close. Have there ever been any accidents, did you say? Never, sir. I've watched that bridge close on to forty years, and there ain't never been an accident there, but once there was mighty near a big smash-up, and if you care to listen to an old man's story I'll tell you about it. It's true every word, and if you wait till sundown you'll see the living truth of it."

"It was along in the fall of '87; we'd had some terrible storms that fall and the creek was a roaring down from the mountains like as if it ud sweep every thing before it. I kep' a pretty close watch on the bridge; it was a wooden trestle in them days and none too strong with them waters a piling and tearing at it. It was close onto noon, and the Southern Limited was due pretty soon, so I thought I'd just go down and see if the foundations of the trestle was a-slowing on. I climbed down the bank yonder, and the minute I see that creek I knew nothing could stand the strain, for the waters was rising every minute and it seemed as if the trestle was already shakin'."

"I got back to the shanty here just as fast I could and made up my mind I'd flag the train, and if they wanted to cross they'd cross on their own responsibility and not on mine. Well, she came along, and I stopped her and the passengers came tumbling out to find out about the delay; most of them was pretty mad at the delay, but when they saw the creek there they was mighty thankful they hadn't started on the trestle, for the engineer came back shaking his head and said he'd not risk his train with that flood a sweeping against the timbers, and he was right, for in a few minutes after that the hull thing fell with a crash and was swept down the stream and there was nothing but a big gap where the bridge had been. But that's not what I was to tell you about."

"Among the passengers there was a lady that came up to the shanty; she asked me for a drink of water for a little baby she was carrying. The water had give out on the cars she said, so I give her a dipper and showed her where the spring was up yonder. I was that busy answering questions and worried about the bridge I didn't notice her much then, but I did see she acted kind of queer and nervous like, and I could see she had been crying. Poor critter, she was a beautiful young thing and she looked so sad, but I had no time to think of that then. She had asked if she could sit in the shanty, baby was so fretful in the cars she said. So I fixed up a place for her by the window. 'Let me look at the mountains,' that's what she kep' on saying."

"'You see, in them days it was a single track and the conductor had had to drive seven miles round to Spottleswood to the station down the creek to stop the train coming up, for the wires was all down with the bridge, and by the time he got back it was sundown."

"I had been down the track a piece ahead of the train as she backed up the mountains, and when I came back to the shanty to get my pipe I heard a cry like a little baby, and looking in, sure enough, there was the little critter holding up its arms to me. There was a piece of paper and an envelope pinned to the baby's dress, and what do you think was written on it? It's just eighteen years since I found that piece of paper, and drawing out a faded and much worn scrap of paper from a leather wallet, the old man read:

"'I feel that I can trust you, for you have a kind and manly face. I leave baby with you; be brought up among the poor, for the rich have blasted my life and shall not ruin hers. Call her the Wild Rose. Do not search for me for you shall never find me.' And that was all, so name, nothing to tell who she was or anything; the young one's clothes was handsome and there was a new hundred dollar note pinned to her little silk jacket. Well, I took the little one down home to Molly, and Lord bless you sir, you should have seen that woman take on over that young one. You see sir, our two little girls was took before they grew, and it was ten years since she had a baby in her arms. I did my best to find out who the lady was, but never heard anything. I went up to Richmond and Colonel Bob; he was president of the road then and he did all he could, but we never found any trace of her. Molly says God sent her to take the place of our own, but anyhow we did what we could by the young one. If you wait till sundown you'll see her, for she'll be along to take the old man and Pete home."

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